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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter G. Hartwell

Docket No.: 10012246-1

Serial No. : 09/854,599

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: 05/15/2001

Examiner: Tamai, Karl I.

Title: Use Of Standoffs To Protect ARS Mover For Out Of Plane Motion

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT PER 35 U.S.C. §121

Please consider the following which is submitted in connection with an Office Action mailed **17 September 2002**.

Election of Claims

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1 - 11), without traverse.

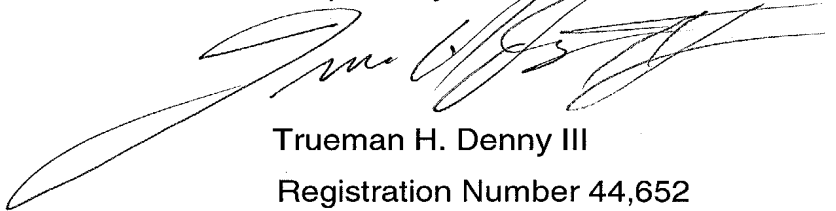
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed **16 September 2002**, the Examiner imposed a three-way restriction requirement between Group I, consisting of Claims 1 - 11, Group II, consisting of Claims 12 - 17, and Group III, consisting of Claims 18 - 20. Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1 - 11), without traverse, for examination on the merits.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants have elected the invention of Group I, consisting of Claims 1 - 11, without traverse. The status of the application is as follows: Claims 12 through 17 and Claims 18 through 20, of Groups II and III are withdrawn from consideration; and Claims 1 through 11, of Group I are active in the application and will be examined on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,

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